

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2007. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-15 and 17-26 were pending in that action. All claims were rejected. With the present response, claims 1, 15 and 26 are amended. The remaining claims are unchanged. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Applicant's specification because there are apparently some numbers missing from a paragraph previously added by Preliminary Amendment. With the present response, Applicant has amended the specification to include the missing information. Consideration and entry of these corrections are respectfully solicited.

Beginning on page 2 of the specification, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10-15 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant left a phone message for the Examiner on January 22, 2008. In that message, Applicant asked for some guidance as to how the claimed systems could be brought into conformance with the standards under §101. On January 23, 2008, the Examiner left a message for the Applicant. In that phone message, the Examiner indicated that the claimed systems should be updated to include a more concrete hardware context. With the present response, the claims have been amended substantially such that they now include explicit support for a hardware environment. Consideration of these changes to the claim and withdrawal of the rejections under §101 are respectfully solicited.

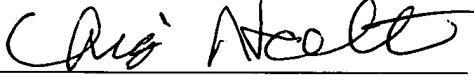
On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15 and 17-26 under the non-statutory theory of double patenting. In response, Applicant has included a Terminal Disclaimer. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection in light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully solicited.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues have now been address. Allowance of claims 1-6, 8, 10-15 and 17-26 are respectfully solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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